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SUBJECT: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT - JOINT
COMMISSION MEETING

1. FIRST MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION ENDED SUCCESSFULLY MARCH 21 WITH
SIGNING OF RECORD OF THE MEETING FOLLOWED BY JOINT PRESS
CONFERENCE BY DR. STEVER AND ACADEMICIAN TRAPENZNIKOV HELD
IN DEPARTMENT. JOINT COMMISSION APPROVED SOME 25 PROJECTS
FOR PRIORITY IMPLEMENTATION IN ENERGY, AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH, CHEMICAL CATALYSIS AND WATER RESOURCES. IN COM-
PUTER APPLICATIONS TO MANAGEMENT AND MICROBIOLOGICAL
SYNTHESIS, U. S. WORKING GROUPS WILL VISIT THE USSR TO HOLD
FURTHER TALKS, BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH SOVIET RE-
SEARCH FACILITIES AND DEFINE PROJECTS IN GREATER DETAIL.

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2. FOLLOWING NEW AREAS FOR COOPERATION ALSO APPROVED: FORESTRY, STANDARDS AND STANDARDIZATION, TRANSPORTATION, OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH, AND SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHYSICS. ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES WILL DEVELOP PHYSICS AREA. COMMISSION NOTED DISCUSSIONS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN PATON INSTITUTE OF ELECTROWELDING IN KIEV AND PRIVATE U. S. FIRMS, AND U. S. SIDE AGREED TO EXPLORE USG INTEREST IN THIS FIELD.

IN ADDITION, COMMISSION DECIDED JOINT GROUP OF EXPERTS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN SCIENCE POLICY. COMMISSION ALSO WELCOMED USSR'S PLANNED PARTICIPATION IN DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT.

3. DURING REVIEW OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RELATIONS, SOVIETS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH POSITIVE RESULTS UNDER VARIOUS AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN 1972. SOVIETS ALSO NOTED DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PRIVATE U. S. FIRMS AND SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS. SOVIETS NOTED THEIR BELIEF THAT THESE PRIVATE AGREEMENTS ARE CONSONANT WITH PROVISIONS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT (ON DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN U. S. FIRMS AND SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS) WHICH SOVIETS INTERPRET AS PROVIDING JURIDICAL BASIS FOR THESE AGREEMENTS. U. S. SIDE STRESSED THAT NEITHER IT NOR USG COULD APPROVE OR REVIEW THESE AGREEMENTS UNDER AEGIS OR JOINT COMMISSION BECAUSE USG CANNOT SPEAK FOR OR COMMIT ITSELF IN BEHALF OF PRIVATE U. S. FIRMS.

4. DR. STEVER RAISED WITH TRAPEZNIKOV PROBLEM OF SOVIET RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY U. S. EXCHANGE SCIENTISTS AND SCHOLARS AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE BY SOVIET SIDE OF COMMISSION IN OBTAINING RELAXATION OF THESE RESTRICTIONS. TRAPEZNIKOV STATED HIS GROUP HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS TRAVEL QUESTION BUT PROMISED TO TRANSMIT U. S. VIEWS TO "COMPETENT" SOVIET AUTHORITIES. SOVIET DELEGATION ALSO REFUSED ACCEPT REFERENCE TO TRAVEL QUESTION IN RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS BUT DID ACCEPT U. S. PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH IT AGREED TO TRANSMIT TO COMPETENT AUTHORITIES (MEMCON POUCHED),

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STAFF MEMBERS INDICATED THAT THEIR FIRST PREFERENCE AS

HEAD OF DELEGATION HAD BEEN EITHER KIRILLIN OR
GVISHIANI, THEY WERE SATISFIED THAT DECISION TO MEET NOW
UNDER TRAPEZNIKOV' S LEADERSHIP, RATHER THAN AWAIT
KIRILLIN' S CONVALESCENCE, HAD BEEN CORRECT. DIGNIFIED
AND RATHER FORMAL, TRAPEZNIKOV CAME THROUGH AS BLAND BUT
NOT UNSYMPATHETIC FIGURE WHO WAS FULLY PREPARED TO MOVE
AHEAD IN ALL AREAS OF COOPERATION WHICH WERE DISCUSSED.
EARNEST AND FRIENDLY SPIRIT OF GOOD- WILL CHARACTERIZED
HIS TOASTS AND PERSONAL CONTACTS. SOVIET EMBASSY
SCIENTIFIC COUNSELOR ASSERTED THAT POSITIVE RESULTS OF
MEETING AND PROSPECTS OF CONTACTS WITH SEVERAL MAJOR U. S.
FIRMS HAD EASED MISGIVINGS OF SCST OFFICIALS THAT " SOME
U. S. CIRCLES" HAD WANTED TO PLACE OBSTACLES IN WAY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION. PRESIDENT' S MEETING
WITH TRAPEZNIKOV AND STEVER WAS HIGHLIGHT WHICH SERVED
TO REAFFIRM U. S. COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP COOPERATION WITH
USSR.

6. SOVIET DELEGATION LEFT WASHINGTON MARCH 22 FOR VISITS
IN LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, AND CHICAGO AREAS PRIOR TO
DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK MARCH 28. ROGERS

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